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Re: Appl. No.: 09/606,977
Filed: June 28, 2000
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated
with Plants
Inventor: Joseph R. Byrum
Atty. Docket.: 16517.143 [formerly 04893.0159.NPUS01/38 21(1587 7)B]

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action in the above captioned application by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (in duplicate);
2. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (three pages), executed by Joseph R. Byrum;
4. check number 129370 in the amount of \$898 covering the \$690 dollars to complete the basic filing fee, \$78 in additional claim fees and the \$130 surcharge for filing a late oath or declaration; and
5. a return post card.

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It is noted that the Attorney Docket Number associated with this application has changed. It is requested that the Patent and Trademark Office update their files to reflect 16517.143 as the Attorney Docket Number associated with the above captioned matter.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Arnold and Porter deposit account 50-1824 referencing matter number 16517.143.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)
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Enclosures



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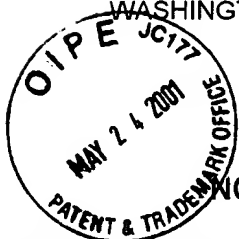
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$78.
 - \$78 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 898.

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Art Unit: 1643

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Atty. Docket: 16517.143

Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted dated March 29, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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3. check number 129370 in the amount of \$898 to cover:

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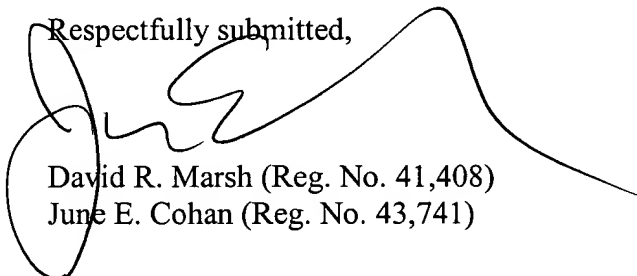
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\$ 130.00 Surcharge for late filing of oath or declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (e))

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Arnold and Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing matter number 16517.143.

If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to Arnold and Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing matter number 16517.143. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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